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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, CA

SUBJECT:BURLINGTON DAM

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD FOLLOWING DRAFT LETTER TO KIRSCH, GWD, EXSTAFFOR COMMENT. IF AGREEABLE TO GOC, WE PROPOSE SENDING IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR LETTERS TO THE IJC BY END OF MONTH. REQUEST GOC VIEWS ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. BULLARD: IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 20 REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL SOURIS-RED RIVERS ENGINEERING BOARD'S BURLINGTON DAM TASK FORCE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE BOARD'S SEPTEMBER 1970 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TASK FORCE CONSISTENT WITH THE JANUARY 12, 1948 REFERENCE GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD.

WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR BOARD AND ITS TASK FORCE ARE  
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IDEALLY QUALIFIED TO PURSUE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE DOWN-STREAM ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE OPERATION OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS' PROPOSED BURLINGTON DAM PROJECT AND THE COSTS OF MITIGATION MEASURES AND/OR COMPENSATION TO AVOID OR RELIEVE ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS WHICH MIGHT BE

IDENTIFIED. WE THEREFORE ENCOURAGE PERFORMANCE OF THESE

STUDIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TASK FORCE, UNDER  
SUITABLE DIRECTIVE OF THE COMMISSION TO ENSURE A COMPRE-  
HENSIVE PRODUCT. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE NECESSARY  
INFORMATION FOR MITIGATION PLANS IN MANITOBA AND ASSO-  
CIATED COST ESTIMATES BE DEVELOPED BY YOUR BOARD AS A  
FOLLOW UP TO THE EARLIER EFFORTS OF THE TASK FORCE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS INTENDS TO  
UTILIZE THE MITIGATION INFORMATION AND ESTIMATED COSTS FOR  
THEIR PHASE I REPORT COVERING THE PROJECTS WHICH ARE TO  
BE SUBMITTED THIS FALL FOR PROJECT APPROVAL. CONSISTENT  
WITH NEW PROCEDURES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR IJC  
REFERENCE ACTIVITIES, WE REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION  
PROVIDE GOVERNMENTS WITH AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE  
SCOPE OF THIS MISCELLANEOUS STUDY ACTIVITY AND ITS PRO-  
JECTED COSTS, AND IF REQUIRED, PARTICULAR FUNDING NEEDS  
IN EXCESS OF ANTICIPATORY BUDGETING BY AGENCIES SUPPORTING  
THE WORK OF THE BOARD AND ITS TASK FORCE. SINCERELY YOURS,  
RICHARD D. VINE. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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